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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION THREAT

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION. WASHINGTON POST REPORTER, JAY MATTHEWS, RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8. THE CALLER, WHO MATTHEWS DESCRIBED AS A MALE WITH A NEW YORK ACCENT, APPEARED TO BE CALLING LONG DISTANCE FROM A PHONE BOOTH IN AN AREA WHERE HEAVY TRAFFIC WAS PASSING BY. THE CALLER TOLD MATTHEWS THAT THE PRESIDENT OF COSTA RICA WAS GOING TO BE ASSASSINATED AND THAT THERE WERE TWO TEAMS, ONE BACK-UP AND ONE IN FRONT, ASSIGNED TO THE JOB. WHEN MATTHEWS PRESSED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, THE CALLER REFUSED TO GIVE ANY, STATING ONLY THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE TEAMS AND WAS RELUCTANT TO SAY MORE AS HE THOUGHT HE WAS IN A POSITION TO STOP THE ATTEMPT.

2. MATTHEWS PASSED THE INFORMATION ON TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO ROGELIO NAVAS, MINISTER COUNSELOR OF THE COSTA RICAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. MATTHEWS STATED THAT IT

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WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THIS WAS A CRANK CALL. MR. NAVAS

CONTACTED PRESIDENT ODUBER BY TELEPHONE AND PASSED ON THE INFORMATION. THE PRESIDENT ASSURED HIM THAT ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES WOULD BE OBSERVED. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED NO SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION. INGERSOLL

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